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COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

WILLIAM DEVRIES and UPTON H. STEVENS, surviving partners of themselves and Upton Slingluff and John S. Seaton, late merchants and partners, trading under the name of Slingluff, Devries & Co., who sue for themselves and all other creditors of Peter Myers, dec'd., who may make themselves parties and contribute to the costs,..... Plaintiffs,

vs.

Abram S. Byrd, admin strator of Peter Myers, dec'd., John A. Wise, David B. Myers, Daniel G. Myers, Abraham P. Myers, and Reuben and Daniel Huffman,.....Defendants,

In Chancery in the Circuit Court of Rockingham.

EXTRACT FROM DECREE, rendered on the 14th day of March, 1876:--"On consideration whereof, it is adjudged, ordered and decreed, that this cause be referred to a Master Commissioner of this Court with instructions to examine, state and settle the following accounts: 1st—Of the debts due the Complainants; 2d—Of the debts of Peter Myers, dec'd; 3rd—Of the purchase money which Reuben and Daniel Huffman agreed to pay upon said real estate, and of the application of the same; 4th—Any other account which any party interested or the Commissioner may deem of importance. In taking these accounts notice by order of publication shall be equivalent to personal service."

The parties to the above entitled cause and all others interested therein, or to be effected by the taking of the above mentioned accounts, are hereby notified that I have fixed upon MONDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF MAY, 1876, at my office in Harrisonburg, as the time and place of taking the said accounts, at which time and place they will attend and do what is necessary to protect their respective interests in the premises.

Given under my hand as Commissioner in Chancery, this 1st day of April, 1876.

aprilt 4w PENDLETON BRYAN, C. C.
Roller p. q.

VIRGINIA TO WIT:—At Rules held for the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, on the 3d day of April, A. D., 1876;

John F. Herr, C. N. Herr, A. M. Herr and H. Brackbill partners in trade under the firm name of Herr, Brackbill & Co.,.....Complainants,

vs.

S. M. Jones, H. C. Jones and D. C. Jones partners in trade, under the firm name and style of Jones Bros., M. Treiber and Jacob Gassman, partners doing business under the firm name and style of Treiber & Gassman,.....Defendants.

The object of the above suit is to recover the sum of $186.63, with interest thereon from the 9th day of March, 1875, till paid, due from the defendants S. M. Jones, H. C. Jones and D. C. Jones, late partners in trade under the firm name and style of Jones Bros, to the Plaintiffs, and to attach the estate of the defendants S. M. Jones and H. C. Jones, who are non-residents of the State of Virginia, for the payment of the said sum of $186.63, with interest as aforesaid.

And affidavit being made that the defendants S. M. Jones and H. C. Jones are non-residents of the State of Virginia,

It is ordered that they do appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and answer the Plaintiff's bill or do what is necessary to protect their interests, and that a copy of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Old Commonwealth, a newspaper published in Harrisonburg, Va., and another copy thereof posted at the front door of the Court House of this County, on the first day of the next term of the Circuit Court of said County. Teste: J. H. SHUE, C. C. C. R. C.

Paul, p. q.—aprilt 4w

PETER S. ROLLER,.....Complainant,

vs.

James Foley's administrator,.....Defendant.

In Chancery in the Circuit Court of Rockingham Co.

Extract from decree rendered at the January Term, 1876:—"This cause is referred to a Master Commissioner of this Court with instructions to take the following accounts:

1st. An account of debts due the Complainant.

2nd. An account of the proceeds of the sale of the house and lot and of the application of the purchase money.

3rd. An account of the debts of James Foley's estate.

4th. An account of the acts and doings of John R. Koogler, late Sheriff of Rockingham county, and as such special Commissioner of sale in this cause.

5th. Any other account which any party may require or the Commissioner deem of importance. In taking these accounts notice by order of publication shall be equivalent to personal service."

Notice is hereby given to the parties to the above entitled cause and all others interested in the taking of the above accounts, that I have fixed upon SATURDAY the 6th day of MAY, 1876, at my office in Harrisonburg as the time and place of taking the said accounts, at which said time and place you will attend and do what is necessary to protect your respective interests in the premises.

Given under my hand as Commissioner in Chancery this 10th of April, 1876.

PENDLETON BRYAN, C. C.
Roller, p. q.—april 13-4w

VIRGINIA, TO WIT:—In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, on the 6th day of April, A. D. 1876:

Sallie Hammer, William Lilly and Harriet, his wife, Phillip Miller and Elizabeth, his wife,.....Comp'ts.

vs.

John A. Earman, in his own right and as executor of Michael Earman, dec'd, Samuel Earman, Julia Earman, David H. Rolston, Sheriff of Rockingham Co. and as such administrator of Solomon Earman dec. The unknown heirs of Solomon Earman, dec'd. and Thomas Washington,.....Defendants.

IN CHANCERY.

The object of the above suit is to secure a settlement of the estate of Michael Earman, dec'd, and the distribution of the same among those entitled.

And affidavit being made that the Defendants, the unknown heirs of Solomon Earman, dec'd, are non-residents of the State of Virginia it is ordered that they do appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and answer the Plaintiffs' bill or do what is necessary to protect their interest and that a copy of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Old Commonwealth, a newspaper published in Harrisonburg Va., and another copy thereof posted at the front door of the Court-House of this County, on the first day of the next term of the County Court of said County.

Teste: J. H. SHUE, C. C. C. R. C.

Roller, p. q.—april 13-4w

Commissioner's Notice.

J. S. & J. P. EFFINGER,.....Complainants.

vs,

Wm. S. Braithwaite, &c.,.....Defendants.

In Chancery in the Circuit Court of Rockingham Co.

Extract from decree rendered March 17th, 1876.—"The Court doth adjudge, order, and decree, that this cause be referred to a Master Commissioner of this Court with instructions to take and settle the following accounts:

1. An account showing the fee simple and annual rental value of the property in controversy.

2. Of the liens against the same claimed by J. S. & J. P. Effinger, if any and the order of their priority.

3. Any other account which any party may require or the Commissioner may deem of importance.

In taking these accounts notice by order of publication shall be equivalent to personal service."

Notice is hereby given to the parties to the above entitled cause and all others interested in the taking of the accounts required by the above decree, that I have fixed On Friday, the 5th day of May, 1876, at my office in Harrisonburg, as the time and place of taking said accounts at which said time and place you will attend and do what is necessary to protect your respective interests in the premises.

Given under my hand as Commissioner in Chancery, this 10th day of April, 1876.

PENDLETON BRYAN, C. C.
Roller, p. q.—april 13-4w

VIRGINIA, TO-WIT:—In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, on the 25th day of March, A. D., 1876;

Wm. P. Nicholas' Administrator,.....Complainant,

vs.

Peter Koontz's Adm'r and others,.....Defendants.

IN CHANCERY.

The object of the above suit is to enforce the collection of a judgment against the estate of Peter Koontz, dec'd, for $1392.14, with interest from the 7th day of January 1861, and $7.74 costs, subject to some credits; and in connection therewith to prevent the sale of certain property belonging to John Koontz until the priorities of claimants are adjusted.

And the defendants, — Hendricks, — Fuller, and — Ayres, partners under the firm name and style of Hendricks, Fuller and Ayres, are parties unknown, and supposed to be non-residents of the State of Virginia,

It is ordered that they do appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and answer the Plaintiff's bill, or do what is necessary to protect their interests, and that a copy of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the old Commonwealth, a newspaper published in Harrisonburg, Va., and another copy thereof posted at the front door of the Court-House of this county, on the first day of the next term of the Circuit Court of said County. Teste:

aprilt6-4w J. H. SHUE, C. C. C. R. C.

VIRGINIA, TO WIT:—In the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, on the eighth day of April, A. D., 1876:

John T. Harris,.....Plaintiff,

vs.

Elizabeth Shumaker, adm'x of John Shumaker, dec'd, Defendant.

The object of this suit is to attach the debts and other estate of the Defendant in the County of Rockingham, to satisfy the demand of the Plaintiff of $65, with interest from the 30th day of May, 1862.

And affidavit being made that the Defendant, Elizabeth Shumaker, adm'x of John Shumaker, dec'd., is a non-resident of the State of Virginia, It is ordered that she do appear here within one month after due publication of this Order, and answer the Plaintiff's demand, or do what is necessary to protect her interest, and that a copy of this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the OLD COMMONWEALTH, a newspaper published in Harrisonburg, Va., and another copy thereof posted at the front door of the Court-House of this county, on the first day of the next term of the County Court of said county.

Teste: J. H. SHUE, C. C. C. R. C.

H. & P. p. q.—april13-4t.

CALL and leave your measure with D. M. SWITZER & SON, if you want a perfect-fitting Dress Shirt. Satisfaction guaranteed.

[Written for the Commonwealth.]

HOME.

BY D. M.

Home is the sweetest spot on earth
That mortal man below can find,
'Tis there all hearts are filled with mirth,
There all are just, and true, and kind.

When on the billowy waves of life
Our little barks toss to and fro,
'Tis then, while mingling in the strife,
Its value we will learn to know.

As o'er our paths there darts a ray,
Beaming from a brilliant sun,
We are from home then wont to stray,
And thus life's race attempt to run.

But when dark clouds are seen around,
And gloom its dismal shadows cast,
'Tis then home has a magic sound,
'Tis there we wend our way at last.

To it has turned the mind of bard,
The theme has moved the graceful lyre,
Sages the thought do not discard,—
Which often does their souls inspire.

But what is home? I now shall ask.
Who can to this an answer give?
It seems quite simple, yet a task,
Tho' most within a home do live.

It is where Love supreme doth reign,
To which the subjects meekly bow;
Where all with one accord are fain,
No fabled Apple to allow.

The place where soul with soul doth blend,
For each the other dearly loves,
Intestine strife will fail to rend,
When one the other's bidding does.

It may not be beneath the folds
Of damask rich and drooping lace,
Not there unless contentment holds
A radiant smile on every face.

It oft exists within the cot,
Adorned by Nature's rustic bowers,
And tho' among the poor by lot,
'Tis there are spent life's happy hours.

Let us then where o'er we roam,
Ever its memory sacred keep,
That if perchance we stray from home,
We can the golden pleasures reap.

Shenandoah Iron Works, April 8th, 1876.

THE POST-OFFICE.

We kept the post-office at the fair. You know what that is. People come and ask for letters, and of course we direct any envelope that happens to turn up, and hand it out, and they pay postage. We had all sorts of things at the fair—fish ponds and grab-bags. It was mean to put so many tracts in those, I do say; and as I told you we kept the post-office, and I don't know how it came into my head to write two letters just alike: "Meet me at the oak tree if you have not forgotten the past," and put them into pink envelopes; but we wrote trash of all kinds, of course.

The oak tree was just outside the room where we held the fair, the big room of the academy; and there was a nice beach there, so it struck me to write the notes.

"Give one to a lady and one to a gentleman," said I. And Ann Lunn, who delivered the letters, laughed merrily.

"Whoever gets them will be sure to go to the tree," she said; and almost as she spoke up came Dr. Steelwaggon, the old bachelor in Bluehill, and putting his head in at the window, said slowly:

"Young ladies, are there any letters for me?"

"Yes, sir; one for Dr. Steelwaggon," cried Ann, tossing me a pink envelope, and I addressed it. He paid a liberal postage—he was sure to do that—and away he went.

"Watch him for half an hour, and you will see him go to the old oak," said Ann. And sure enough in less than that, we saw him make his way out of the hall and sit down under the tree in the moonlight.

"Men never lose their vanity," said Ann.

"Do women? Let us discover?" said I. And saw old Miss Barnet coming toward the office, and I directed the other envelope to her.

In a moment up she came smiling—a pretty old lady in black silk, with the nicest little ruffles of real lace at her neck.

"Have you letters for me, my dear?" she said.

"One, Miss Barnett," said Ann.

She handed out the pink envelope number two, as she spoke.

"If I were a young lady I should think this was a love letter!" she said as she walked away.

"Will she go to the oak?" I asked.

"We shall soon see," said Ann.

And though she did not go soon, it was not long before we saw her gliding out of the hall and walking very slowly indeed toward the beach where Dr. Steelwaggon sat.

He arose as she came near; he bowed. She courtesied. They sat down together.

After awhile they rose and walked away, arm in arm.

"Didn't I tell you?" said Ann.

"Of course when they met they had a chat," said I. "They are two old neighbors."

But Ann would joke and say all sorts of things, of course.

Well, we were busy with the fair, and forgot all about the little incident soon, and when the fair was over there was still a good deal to do, until one day we all went to the minister's house to count up what we had made, and talk things over, when, as we were counting the gains of the post-office, the minister's wife suddenly cried out:

"Oh, girls, we are to have a wedding here to-night, and the post-office brought it about. Miss Barnett is to marry Dr. Steelwaggon, and all because of two letters that they got at your office.

"You see, long ago, when she was a pretty young girl, and he a handsome young man, the two were engaged, and loved each other dearly. But they quarelled somehow, as lovers do, now and then, and separated. From that day to this they have never spoken to each other. But neither of them, as you know, has ever married, and lately Miss Barnett told me she had begun to think that the doctor must have loved her more than she thought, else he would have had a wife. Men can always marry if they please, you know. And then she knew very well there had never been any one to her like the doctor. She thought as she walked about the fair how happy the old couples looked arm in arm, and perhaps he thought so too. Indeed he has told her so since. And when she walked up to the office she was thinking how handsome he was yet; and when she opened her letter and read: "Meet me at the oak tree if you have not forgotten the past," it gave her quite a nervous feeling, and after awhile she walked slowly along to the door and looked out. The moon shone brightly over the lawn, and there, under the oak tree, in the middle, sat the doctor himself. Had he written her the letter? She walked on toward the tree, not meaning to seem to see him unless he spoke; but he did speak. He arose and bowed.

"'Miss barnet,' he said, 'I hope I see you well.'

"And she said:

"'Thank you, quite well, Dr. Steelwaggon.'

"And that was the first words they had spoken since thirty years ago.

"She had said to him:

"'It is perfectly certain that we have made a great mistake in thinking we liked each other, Dr. Steelwaggon.'

"And he had said:

"'I never contradict a lady, Miss Barnet.'

"Then she was twenty and he twenty-five. They were old people now, but when she shook hands with him under the oak, she felt herself tremble.

"'We are both alone,' said he. 'Let us keep each other company.' Then he bowed her to the seat from which he had risen and sat down beside her.

"After that, the first question he asked was:

"'Have you been to the post-office?'

"'She said, 'Yes.'

"'So have I," said he. 'Will you read my note?'

"He placed it in her hand. It was a duplicate of the one she had received.

"She bowed him hers.

"'Those foolish children have been playing a trick,' said she; 'well, we can laugh at it.'

"'I don't feel much like laughing,' said he. 'You see I have not forgotten the past. Have you?

"'Women don't forget very easily,' said she.

"'Miss Barnet,' said he, 'we have been two very foolish people. I think a word on either side might have mended it years ago. I will say my word now. I love you yet; will you forgive me and be my wife?'

"'People would laugh so,' said she.

"'We will laugh, too,' said he. 'Come, Rosa, say 'Yes.''

"When he called her Rosa it suddenly struck her how long it was since she had been called by her Christian name, and she began to cry. Then he gave her his arm and they walked away into the shadows; and they are to be married this evening, and the fair post office and your joke, did it, girls."

And they were married, and nobody laughed but a few sillies, and who minded them?

The Declaration of Independence- How it Was Received in Virginia.

The *Virginia Gazette*, published at Williamsburg, in an issue during August, 1776, gave the following, which is of interest this centennial year:

"On Monday last, being court day, the Declaration of Independence was publicly proclaimed in the town of Richmond before a large concourse of respectable freeholders of Henrico county, and upwards of 200 militia, who assembled on that grand occasion. It was received with universal shouts of joy and re-echoed by three volleys of small arms. The same evening the town was illuminated, and the members of the committee held a club, where many patriotic toasts were drunk. Although there were near one thousand people present, the whole was conducted with the utmost decorum; and the satisfaction visible in every countenance sufficiently evinces their determination to support it with their lives and fortunes.

"Now with America's sons her fame increase,
In arms and science, with glory, honor and peace."

Mr. Darwin tells a story, as an example of the reasoning powers of a monkey that was scratched by a pet kitten. At first Jocko was immensely amazed. Recovering from his surprise, he set to work to discover the location of the claws. After a severe tussle he got the fore feet of the kitten within his clutches, saw the nails thrust from their guards, and with the broadest grin of satisfaction, he proceeded deliberately to bite the points off of each one.

In Burmah if two married persons are tired of each other's society, they dissolve partnership in the following touching but conclusive way: They light two candles, and shutting up their hut, sit down and wait quietly until they burn out. The one whose candle burns out first gets up at once and leaves the house (and forever) taking nothing but the clothes he or she may have on at the time; all else becomes the property of the other party.

"Do let me have your photograph," said a dashing belle to a gentleman who had been annoying her with his attentions. The gentleman was delighted, and in a short time the lady received the picture. She gave it to the servant with the question, "Would you know the original if he should call?' The servant replied in the affirmative. "Well, whenever he comes tell him I am engaged."

An Act to Provided for the Working of Roads in the Counties of Shenandoah, Page, and Rockingham.

APPOVED FEBRUARY 17th, 1876.

1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of Virginia, That it shall be lawful for the counties of Shenandoah, Page, and Rockingham, after the first day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, to change and repair highways, roads, and bridges as follows;

2. That for each magisterial district in the counties of Shenandoah, Page, and Rockingham, there is hereby created and established a board consisting of the supervisor, a commissioner of roads, and one of the justices of the peace for each district, which board shall have the exclusive control of the roads, bridges, and ferries within its limits; and all taxes levied for road purposes, and for building and repairing bridges, shall be expended in said magisterial district, except as hereinafter provided.

3. The justice of the peace constituting a member of said board shall be chosen and designated by the three justices of the peace elected and commissioned in each magisterial district, and the commissioner of roads shall be appointed by the county judge, at the May term of the county court next succeeding the passage of this act, who shall hold his office until his successor is elected and qualified as hereinafter provided. The designation of the justice who is to serve on said board shall be in writing, and shall be preserved and recorded by the board of commissionerss of roads.

4 The board hereby created and constituted is declared to be a body politic and corporate, and shall be known and designated as The Board of Commissioners of Roads for —— Magisterial District.

5. The sub-road districts, as now laid out and described by metes and bounds, within the lines of the present magisterial districts, shall remain as they now are in the counties of Shenandoah and Page. But the road districts as they existed in the county of Rockingham at the time of the adoption of the amendment to the constitution in respect to county organization, shall constitute the sub-road districts for said county, provided for in this act, unless and until they shall be changed as provided for in this section in any of the above named counties.

6. That there shall be appointed by the said board, not later than the fifteenth day of July, one overseer of roads for each sub-road district, whose term of office shall be for two years, beginning on the first day of August succeeding his appointment. He shall reside in the district for which he shall have been appointed, and shall have charge of the roads of his district. If any such overseer shall refuse to serve after being appointed, or fail to keep in good order the roads in his district, he shall be liable to a fine or presentment by the grand jury, not exceeding fifty dollars. But any person who has served as overseer may, at the expiration of the term for which he was appointed, give up his office on producing a certificate to the board from the commissioner of roads, or other satisfactory evidence, that the roads in his district are in proper order, and he shall not within two years thereafter be appointed overseer without his consent.

7. That his duties shall be to see that the roads in his district are kept in good repair, that the bridges are in safe condition, that the roads are kept free from obstruction, that all loose stones are removed; and he shall contract for all tools and implements necessary for working roads, subject to the approval of the commissioner of roads, and shall have custody of the same, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law or directed by the board of commissioners of roads. His compensation shall be one dollar and fifty cents per day for each day actually employed.

8. That at the regular election in May there shall be elected in each magisterial district one commissioner of roads, who shall reside in the district for which he is elected, and whose term of office shall be for two years, beginning on the first day of July next succeeding his election. Each commissioner of roads appointed or elected, shall qualify at the time and in the manner prescribed by law for the qualification of magisterial district officers, and shall at the time of his qualification, or before he enters upon the discharge of his duties, give bond with good personal security in the sum of two hundred dollars.

9. That the commissioner of roads shall have charge of all the roads in his magisterial district. His duty shall be to see that all the roads in his district are of the proper width, and in all cases where they are not, to notify the persons trespassing, by written notice; and if the obstructions are not removed after reasonable notice, not to exceed ninety days, he shall direct the overseer of the district to remove the fencing or other obstructions, and may recover the expense with costs from the trespasser upon judgment of a justice of the peace; provided, however, that where there is a road of less width than thirty feet now in use, and the commissioner of roads is satisfied that no inconvenience will result to the public on account of the width of said road, he may continue the same. He shall examine the roads in his district twice in each year, in the months of May and October, and see that the roads and bridges are kept in good repair by the overseer. His compensation shall be one dollar and fifty cents per day for each day in which he has been or may be actually employed in discharging his duties under the provisions of this act, and to be paid by the county treasurer in the manner hereinafter prescribed.

10. That every petition to alter or change a public road, must first be presented to the commissioner of roads in the district in which the road is, who shall endorse thereon his approval or disapproval of the same and his reasons therefor, which petition and commissioners report shall be laid before the county court at its next term in open court, and the court may appoint three discreet freeholders to view the ground of any proposed change; the county, or other competent surveyor, shall accompany the viewers, and if necessary survey and map the road.—The whole number of viewers must view, but a majority may decide for or against; and they may view and make report of and estimates for any modification of the route.

11. That notice of the time and place when and where the viewers shall meet, shall be given in some public manner in the vicinage of the proposed road at least five days before the time of meeting. The viewers, before they proceed to discharge their duties, shall be severally sworn by the commissioner of roads, or some other person authorized to administer oaths, to perform their duties impartially and to the best of their judgment. If they decide that there is public necessity for the change, they shall lay out the same, having respect for the shortest distance and the best ground, so as to do the least injury to private property, and also as far as practicably to be agreeable to the petitioners. They shall assess the damage done to land through which the road passes, taking into consideration the advantage to be derived from the road passing through the land, and shall report in writing to the next term of the county court; but in no case shall any yard, garden, orchard, or any part thereof, be taken without the consent of the owner.

12. That the court shall examine the amount of damages assessed, and if satisfied the public interest will be subserved by its payment and by making the proposed change, shall approve the report and order the damages to be paid by the magisterial district or districts through which the road may pass, in such proportion as the damages may have been assessed in the said districts, respectively; but upon the return of the report of the viewers, the proprietors and tenants of lands upon which said road will be, if so changed, shall be summoned to show cause against said report; and any proprietor or tenant of lands on which said road will be if so changed, may enter himself a party defendant to said petition, after which the same proceedings shall be had as under the general road law of the state, upon the return of the report of the commissioners of roads; provided, that the viewers and surveyor shall be paid out of the county treasury upon the order of the county court.

13. That in case the changing of a road shall place it on a line dividing two magisterial districts, the commissioners of roads of the adjoining districts shall equitably divide the expense of said road between such districts, if they can agree, and in case they cannot agree, the county court shall divide the same, and direct what part of said road shall be opened and kept in repair by each magisterial district.

14 The board of commissioners of roads for each magisterial district, at its annual meeting in July, shall assess and levy a tax upon the property, real and personal, of the magisterial district assessed for state revenue, an amount which, with the labor contributed under the nineteenth section of this act, shall be sufficient to pay the expense of keeping all the public roads in its magisterial district in good repair, and of such width and condition as may be required by law, and for all other purposes provided for in this act: provided, that the assessment on property shall not be more, in any one year, than ten cents on the hundred dollars; the assessment to be made upon the same basis as that upon which state revenues are levied.

15. That the board of commissioners of roads in each magisterial district, shall annually make an estimate of the probable amount necessary to pay the expense of changing roads, repairing bridges, paying allowances to officers provided for in this act, and any other expense they may deem likely to arise under the provisions of this act, and shall, before the first day of August in each year, furnish to the county treasurer a statement of such portion of the tax assessed against each person in their district as will aggregate a sum sufficient to meet such expenses, and which tax said treasurer shall be required to collect as other revenues are collected, and for which he shall receive a like compensation; and said board of commissioners shall in like manner furnish to each overseer in their district, a statement of the balance of the tax assessed against each person in his road district, which tax the overseer shall collect in money or labor, or partly in money and partly in labor as the person against whom the taxes assessed may elect. The overseer shall expend so much of the money coming into his hands under the preceding section, as may be necessary, in connection with the labor provided for in section nineteen, to keep his roads in order, and shall pay to the commissioner of roads any amount not so required to be held by him, subject to the order of the board of commissioners of roads for his district.

16. The board of commissioners of roads of each magisterial district shall fix a schedule of prices for labor, hire of teams, and other service upon roads in their district.

17. That the board of commissioners of roads in each magisterial district shall, annually, on the first Tuesday in December, examine and audit all claims arising under the provisions of this act, and shall furnish to the county treasurer a certified statement setting forth all claims so audited and allowed, which he shall be required to enter in a book to be kept for that purpose, which said claims shall be paid by him out of any funds in his hands for that purpose.

18. That the justice of the peace and the supervisor who, with the commissioner of roads, constitute in each magisterial district a board of commissioners of roads for that district, shall each receive one dollar and fifty cents per day for each day actually employed in accordance with the provisions of this act.

19. That all male persons in each road district, except such as are exempt by law, shall be appointed by the overseer of roads for that district, and compelled to work two days in each year on some public road therein as near as may be to the place of their residence, or in opening a new road.

20. Every person required to work, shall, either in person or by a sufficient substitute when required by the overseer of roads for his district, attend with proper tools and work the roads on such days, (not exceeding two in each year,) as the said overseer of roads may direct. For every day on which there may be a failure, eighty cents shall be paid as a fine to the said overseer of roads, within twenty days thereafter, by the person in default, if a person of full age, or if he be an infant, by his parent or guardian. If the money be not paid, it shall be recoverable by the overseer of roads with costs before a justice, and said justice shall issue a writ of fieri facias for said fine and costs, which, when collected, shall be paid to said overseer of roads. Any money received by an overseer of roads under this section, after the payment of costs, shall be applied to the improvement of roads in his district.

21. The general road law of this state, except so far as the same is in conflict with this act, shall be in force in the counties of Shenandoah, Page, and Rockingham.

The Story of Queen Victoria's Courtship.

Her uncle, the late king William IV, had done all in his power to prevent their union, no less than five other marriage projects had been planned for the young princess, and William, tho' he never mentioned the subject in her presence, took special pains to bring about an alliance between her and the King of Netherlands—Prince Alexander. In consequence of these views, his Majesty tried to prevent the visit of the Duke of Coburg, in 1836, but in vain; for the Duke came over to England with his two sons and remained at Kensington Palace nearly four weeks as guest of Victoria's mother, the Duchess of Kent. King William died in 1837 and Victoria ascended the throne on the 20th of June. In 1839 Prince Albert, of Coburg, accompanied by his brother, made that second journey to England, which resulted so successfully. The three years which had passed since his last visit had greatly enhanced his personal attractions. Tall in figure, and manly in bearing, Albert was besides remarkably handsome, with an expression of mildness and innate refinement, joined to an air of intellectual superiority, which far surpassed any mere regularity of features.

And the Queen fell in love with him.

Very naturally—and on the 14th of October she made known to Lord Melbourne, who at that time stood at the head of the Whig Ministry, her resolution to offer her hand to Prince Albert definitely, and the next day he was called to an audience with the Queen Victoria, in her lofty position, had found herself in a very peculiar embarrassment, for it was necessary that she should manifest to the Prince that his suit, if preferred, would be successful. This was a very delicate task for a young lady, but one which the Queen solved with rare tact. Not very long before, at one of the court balls, she took advantage of the opportunity to hand the Prince her bouquet. The hint was not lost upon the gallant cavalier, and since his close fitting uniform, buttoned tightly to the throat, did not permit of his disposing of his gift, so full of promisory happiness, in the usual fashion, he quickly took out his penknife, cut a slit in the coat near the vicinity of the heart, and inserted therein the valuable treasure. A second hint was very opportunely given. Albert having expressed his thanks and appreciation of his kind reception in England, was asked by the Queen: "If your Highness is pleased with this country, would you be inclined to remain with us?"

"I would sacrifice everything in life to remain at the court of your Majesty," was the characteristic reply.

When, in compliance with the request above mentioned, the Prince repaired to the Queen's presence, after a short conversation she declared to him with a singular expression of sincerity and affection, that he had won her heart, and that it would make her too happy if he would make the sacrifice of his life in sharing it with her; for she said she also regarded it in that light, and the only thing which troubled her was the idea that she was not worthy of him.

How! made such a declaration of love to him? She was obliged to, for the position of a Queen demands imperatively that the marriage proposal shall come from her, undesirably as it may appear to those who look at it from the standpoint of private life, and who regard it as a privilege and a fortunate circumstance for women, that their hands must be sought for and need not be offered. And what was the Prince's reply? The charming frankness of her Majesty quite captivated the heart of the favored young man, and he was entirely overcome. The marriage was solemnized February 15th, 1840.

Nearly A Preacher.

An official of one of the railroads centering in Detroit was yesterday beset by an old man for a railroad pass to Grand Rapids. The stranger entered the office with a big cane in his hand and a "woodsy" air. He looked as if he had entered town after an almighty's wrestle with a bad dirt road, and he had no sooner stood his cane up in the corner than he briskly inquired:

"Are you the free pass man?"

The official hesitated a little, and the stranger amended his query by asking:

"Would you give a preacher a pass to Grand Rapids?"

"Are you a preacher?"

"Kinder."

"You give me your word that you are a preacher, do you?

"N—ot exactly," stammered the stranger. "I don,t say I'm regularly ordained."

"We can give passes to the clergymen occasionally, but we must know that they are active dispersers of the gospel."

"That hits me," cheerily replied the old man, rubbing his hands. "I calculate I dispense more gospel than any one man in Antrim County?"

"But you just admitted that you weren't a preacher," said the official.

"Not a regular, 'squire. I'm what you might call assistant to regular preachers. I'm sexton of a chuch, I can lead at a prayer-meeting and I've started all the hymns that have been sung in Antrim County for five years past."

The official smiled faintly, and the stranger was encouraged to go on:

"I'm nearly a preacher. Folks send for me when they are dying. I keep order at camp-meetings, and if anybody's to be dragged out of the schoolhouse for snapping beans during prayer-meeting I'm the one who does the dragging."

"That's hardly being a regular preacher," replied the official.

"No, of course: but its mighty close on to it. It's so near that I hate to walk to Grand Rapids. I'm on call, Judge. If our preacher should suddenly give out I'd be the only man within fifteen miles who could stand behind his pulpit and take his place. They all know it, and I'm respected accordingly. More'n half the people call me 'parson' or 'deacon,' and fellers who have got into a jaw about Daniel in the lion's den or Moses in the bullrushes have walked five miles to have me set 'em right."

The official made out a trip pass, and, as the stranger returned thanks and picked up his cane, he added;

"I wont take up any more room than I can help, and I'll leave my satchel if you think the cars 'll be loaded too heavy. You have lent this pass to the poor, and it's treasure laid up in heaven for you, where I hope some day to meet and tell you how good it felt to roll along in your cars after jogging for eighty-five miles on foot."—*Detroit Free Press.*

An English doctor, traveling in the East, was excessively anxious to increase his reputation at home by learning certain native methods of treating disease, of which he had heard wonders. On one occasion, when on the confines of the Great Desert, he asked an old sheikh: "What do you do with sick people when they can't sleep?" He received the very practical reply, "We get them to watch the camels."

A young girl, who had an offer of marriage which she wished to accept, submitted the matter to her father, who advised her against matrimony, using as an argument the quotation from St. Paul. "They who marry do well, but they who do not do better."

"Well," said the damsel, "I love to do well; let those do better who can."

Here is an item clipped from the *Scientific American* which will be valuable information for housekeepers: Egg-spoons get tarnished by the sulphur in the egg uniting with the silver, and may be removed by rubbing with wet salt or ammonia.

A calculation has been made that it will take visitors five months to go through the Philadelphia show. That may be, but it won't take Philadelphia five hours to go through most of the visitors.

John Morrissey thinks that poker and faro chips constitute a very good sort of currency, and says that, beyond observing that fact, he has not grappled with the financial problem to any great extent.

"A skiff was turned over in the river yesterday and Mr. James Tyler was thrown into the water."—*Louisville Ledger.*

A clear case of tip-a-cano and Tyler too.—*Index-Appeal.*

"Why did you pass yesterday without looking at me?" said a beautiful woman to Talleyrand. "Because, madame, if I had looked I could not have passed."

"That was very greedy of you, Tommy, to eat your little sister's share of cake!" "You told me, ma, I was always to take her part," said Tommy.

A St. Louis exchange says that Grant's friends are true as steal.

A gentleman with considerable face—the man in the moon.

One bad example spoils many good precepts.

OLD COMMONWEALTH.

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THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 20, 1876.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Democrats have carried Albany, N. Y., by 1600 majority.

The Virginia Republican Convention declared for resumption of specie payments.

Robt. Toombs has taken the oath of allegiance to the United States, and the country is safe.

By the death of Bishop Johns, assistant Bishop Whittle becomes Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia.

There is a split in the Republican party in Frederick county, and the differences are said to be irreconcilable.

The Government is now issuing silver currency. It has on hand about $20,000,000, which it will exchange for fractional currency.

"Galoid" is the name of a new coin, which the government is going to have coined as an experiment. It is to consist of 40 per cent of gold to 60 of silver.

It is expected that the Governors of all the States, with their staffs, in uniform, will be present at the inauguration of the Centennial Exhibition, May 10th.

The Radical State Convention, the curtailed proceedings of which are given elsewhere, had a stormy time. Peter J. Carter, colored, was temporary Chairman.

Grant is spotless, so his office-holders claim. If so, he is a very remarkable man. Very few could associate with thieves, bribe-takers, and revenue defrauders for eight years without becoming slightly contaminated.

It is a question among subscribers to the Richmond papers, which is the greater bore, the discussion between Ruffner and Dabney, or the articles on "Our Virginia Line." Camp-meeting articles and letters from the Springs will be next in order.

It is more than probable that Gen. Babcock, though he escaped conviction in the whisky ring trial, will yet come to grief. Evidence so far taken closely connects him with the Safe Burglary conspiracy, and charges of various kinds are brought out against him every few days.

As the Emperor of Brazil and some of his party were riding down Sixth Avenue, New York, on Monday, his carriage was ran into by a Knickerbacker Ice Company wagon and entirely demolished. It was an accident, but had the Emperor been at home the streets would have been cleared. He now knows something of republican liberty.

The Charlottesville *Chronicle*, the best paper in Virginia, next to the OLD COMMONWEALTH and Staunton *Vindicator*, exhibited its usual sound judgment last week, and declared its choice for Hon. Thos. F. Bayard, of Delaware, for President. It pays a handsome tribute to his worth—his honesty, ability, and purity of character. No pen, however, can describe the man. His name is national, and is regarded as synonymous with honesty and integrity; yet, his real worth far exceeds his reputation. He is not a politician, and his first position was that of a United States Senator. In the Senate he took rank among the first, and to-day is the Democratic leader in that body. He is not mixed up with any jobs, and not a taint of suspicion hangs about him. His record is clear, and his able, honest and manly course has challenged the admiration of the country. Republican papers have vied with Democratic in doing him honor.

We believe him to be the best leader we can select, and the most available.

The third resolution of the Virginia Republican platform declares in favor of quick and condign punishment of all dishonest and corrupt officers of the government. This is an admission that there are corrupt and dishonest officials. Heretofore any one who even expressed a suspicion that the whole administration was not immaculate, was denounced as disloyal.

But, what does such a resolution signify? Simply nothing. Every State and National Republican platform for years has contained resolutions demanding honesty and economy in the administration of affairs, yet fraud, corruption and inefficiency has pervaded every branch of the government from Grant down. All this has been known, and the Republican party has continued to keep such bribe-takers, thieves and incompetent officials in office.

Thomas Branch & Co., Bankers of Richmond, have just issued a circular setting forth the amount of the State debt, price of bonds, &c. The State debt is set down at $29,301,000, not including West Virginia's portion (which she will never pay) of $15,000,000.—Branch & Co., do not give the amount of unpaid interest, which is just as much a part of the debt as the principal. Give the facts in full.

IMPEACHMENT TRIAL OF BELKNAP.—The impeachment trial of W. W. Belknap, ex-Secretary of War, was commenced on Monday. He was represented by ex-Senator Carpenter, Judge Black and Montgomery Blair, who filed a plea against the jurisdiction of the Senate, claiming that Belknap was a private citizen and could not be impeached. The Senate, as a Court of Impeachment, then adjourned until Wednesday, to allow the managers on the part of the House time for replication.

It is more than probable that Belknap will escape, as the question of jurisdiction of the Senate is not at all a plain one. For this President Grant is to be blaimed. He made haste to accept Belknap's resignation, and thus shielded him from impeachment. This he did after he had been cognizant of the charges against Belknap since 1872.

(Reported for the Commonwealth.)

Grand Lodge I. O. O. F.

The Grand Lodge of Va., I. O. O. F., assembled in Alexandria, on Tuesday, April 11th, 1876, in the Hall of Potomac Lodge at 9 a. m.

Forty-three Lodges were represented and a large amount of business was transacted, some of very great importance to the Order. The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia commenced its annual session on the same day, and on Tuesday evening paid a fraternal visit to the Grand Lodge of Virginia. This was something that had never before occurred in the history of the Order in this country, and was therefore a very interesting occasion. At 6 p. m. the boat from Washington brought over the visiting brothers, who were received by the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

The Grand Lodge of D. C. were escorted by the uniformed Patriarchs of Washington, marching to the music of the Independent Drum Corps of that city. The Drill of the Patriarchs was very superior, and their evolutions elicited high commendation.

On Wednesday evening the fraternal visit was returned, the Grand Lodge of Virginia becoming the guests of the Grand Lodge of D. C. A splendid entertainment was provided, and the exercises of the occasion, including a banquet, were continued until about one o'clock in the morning—Grand Sire Durham, of Ky.; P. Grand Sire Stewart, of D. C, and a large number of officers and members of G. L. of U. S. and of the respective Grand Bodies were present. The music was rendered in superior style by the Odd Fellows' choir, consisting of ladies and gentlemen of Washington.

The officers elected by the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year are as follows: R W. Grand Master, E B. Branch, Petersburg; R W. Grand Deputy Master, C. P. Benson, Charlottesville; R. W. Grand Warden, T. J. Talbot, Danville; R W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. E. Morrisett, Manchester; R W. Grand Sec'y, T. Wiley Davis, Richmond; R. W. Grand Treasurer, Jno. W. Furgesson, Richmond. Right Worthy Representative to the Grand Lodge of the U. S., E. H. Fitzhugh, Richmond.

The R. W. Grand Master made the following appointments: H. Cabell Tabb, Grand Conductor, Richmond; John W. Carroll, G. Marshal, Lynchburg; B. D. Blick, G Guardian, Norfolk; C. W. Hollis, G. Herald, Winchester.

From the above it will be seen that the Valley section came in for a very *small* share of official honors and recognition, and the southside and "Swamp country" gobbled up all positions of distinction. This result was unexpected, and if fairness and impartiality had prevailed there would have been a different result—one more promotive of the interests of the Order in the State.

The session was marked by harmony in its deliberations, and much good it is hoped will result from the action of the Grand Body upon the questions presented for its consideration. The next session will be held in the city of Richmond in April, 1877.

Past Grand Sire, Fred. D Stewart, of Washington, was present and was warmly welcomed by the Grand Lodge, in which body he has ever been honored by marked attention, and has in turn recompensed the Grand body by his instructions in the work of the Order, in which respect he is as perfect as any man can be, and which obligation is felt by the Grand Lodge. In the many years of his attendance upon the sessions of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, a regard and veneration has grown up between he Grand Lodge and Past Grand Sire Stewart that amounts to a feeling of adulation for that venerable gentleman.

The session closed on Thursday night, 13th, at about 9:30.

On Friday morning, 14th, the Grand Encampment commenced its session. The officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed as follows: Wm J. Points, of Harrisonburg, G. Patriarch; J. H. Waters, of Staunton G. H. Priest; Chas. Goodrich, of Alexandria, G. S. Warden; Hugh Latham, of Alexandria, G. Scribe; R. C. Fletcher, of Richmond, G. Treas'r; J. N Hull, of Marion, G. J. Warden; J. H. Robinson, of Lynchburg, is Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The G. Patriarch made the following appointments: T. J. Talbot, G. Sen.; Edwin Goodwin, G. O. Sen.; Jno. T. Knight, G. Marshal.

The exemplification of the work was given by P. G. Sire Stewart, who also installed the officers for the ensuing year.

The opening proceeding of the South Carolina republican convention, which met at Columbia last week, were of a disorderly character, the contest being between the Chamberlain party and the faction opposed to Chamberlain, led by United States Senator Patterson. Judge Mackey denounced Congressman Elliott as a robber, and the latter drew a pistol on the former, but failed to fire. Finally the anti-Chamberlain party succeeded in obtaining the temporary organization by electing Smalls, colored, chairman, by a vote of 80 to 40 for Chamberlain.

(Special Correspondence of the Old Commonwealth.

Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON D. C., April 15, 1876.

PRESIDENTIAL FIGURING.

For several months previous to a presidential election, the leading dailies generally indulge themselves in casting the horoscope as to how the various States will throw their votes in the electoral college. The calculations of the New York *World* have been, in the past, singularly accurate; and its predictions as to the next race strike one as particularly so. It says that, of the Southern States, the Democracy will carry, without doubt, 127 votes. Its candidate will also get the 12 electoral votes of the Pacific States, and those of Connecticut and New Jersey. It will, therefore, only be necessary to carry New York in order to elect a Democratic President, with several votes to spare; as the three States just named carry 50 votes, which added to the others, will give 189, something over the necessary number.

HOW MUCH WOULD HE HAVE STOLEN?

Just before Belknap's downfall, he submitted, in reply to a resolution of the House, his budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1877. It amounted to some $26,000,000, or about $1,000,000 for each regiment in the service. The House now calls for a new estimate from his successor, and no little interest is felt in his reply; as it will exhibit, among other things, exactly how much Belknap calculated to steal during the year.

A RADICAL GOVERNOR IN THE BALANCE.

The late developments before the House Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department have brought to Washington Governor John L. Routt, of Colorado, formerly Cresswell's Second Assistant-Postmaster General. The Governor is charged with having received $20,000 from one F. P. Sawyer, an extensive mail contractor, in consideration of his good office in securing certain profitable contracts for said Sawyer. Routt, as Second Assistant-Postmaster General, had the letting of all mail contracts, and it was during his incumbency that the corruption subsequently unearthed took deep root; extending to every contract of importance in this country.—On his retirement, this state of affairs was made manifest by a slight investigation; but nothing was ever made public implicating Routt until the other day, when a witness before the Congressional Committee testified that Sawyer told him that he had paid Routt $20,000. As a matter of course, Routt denies this most strenously; and as Sawyer is dead, the charge cannot be directly substantiated. The "Governor" will consequently go back to his territory duly "vindicated."

GRANT "SICK"—WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH HIM?

Gen. Grant was "seriously indisposed," the local papers reported, for several days last week. I would not consider the fact worthy of mention, were it not of some significance just at this juncture. It has been rumored that the President has become seriously disturbed in mind, since the results of some of the recent investigations, and is now subject to frequent fits of "indisposition." Many persons, who profess to know Grant's habits, attribute these attacks to the effect of undue alcoholic stimulation; but it is difficult, in such cases, to determine definitely which is cause, and which effect. Yet the President certainly has reason now, if ever man had, for mental perturbation and distress. He sees the great body of the people who once honored him as a successful soldier ready to despise him as the companion and defender of thieves. He beholds the members of his cabinet falling, one by one, beneath the axe of investigation; and an administration begun in honor and glory, amid the plaudits of the multitude, going down, in its eighth year, ignored and disgraced, followed by the execrations of a country whose confidence he has so long abused. Is it any wonder that he should now and then feel "indisposed?"

COMING TO THEIR SENSES.

Not the least of the good signs in the political sky, may be mentioned the position of neutrality and independence of thousands of the negroes in the South as expressed in their recent Convention at Nashville, Tenn. Such a position is just what their true friends at the South have always advised them to take; and inasmuch as they expressed their determination to support that party which "kept its promises," it needs not the gift of prophecy to foresee that a large proportion, if not a majority, of the race, will eventually drift into the Democratic ranks. It is the first time they have asserted the highest privilege of freedom, since their emancipation, and gives promise of a brighter future for their race.

A GALA DAY IN WASHINGTON.

While I am writing this letter, procession after procession, and thousands of sight seers, are wending their way from all quarters of the city, and the adjoining country, to Lincoln Park, to witness the ceremonies attendant upon the unveiling of Lincoln's Statue. The departments are all closed, and it is a general holiday. Pennsylvania avenue is thronged with pedestrians and vehicles of every description, and presents a lively appearance.

"NONE OF OUR FENERAL."

The Democratic minority in the Senate is being roundly abused by the Republican papers for the failure to confirm Dana as Minister to England. They say "You could have done it, and you didn't;" though just why the Democrats should be abused for the failure of his nomination is not particularly clear, seeing that it was "none of their funeral."

None of our exchanges seem to get hold of the main point of the safe burglary conspiracy, which is that the real design was to suddenly throw into prison fifty of the best citizens of Washington, break up the business of the city, carry terror and confusion into families and society, and force submission to Ring rule: nor do they seem to know that resolutions were to be offered in both Houses of Congress the day the arrests were to take place stopping the investigation.—*Washington Telegram*

Miss Blanche Tucker, an American, has made her debut at Convent Garden, London, as Violetta in Traviata.

J. B Sener's Slander.

The Lynchburg *Star* says: "Mr. J. B. Sener, in his address yesterday on taking the chair, said that the South was in armed rebellion. Were this statement not calculated to injure the State of Virginia at home and abroad it might pass unnoticed, like a great many other political lies that are being told by nearly every political demagogue, north and south, every day.—Mr. Sener knew it was not true himself and the proof of it is that, had the entire south been in armed rebellion judging his future by his past conduct, he would not have touched in less than one hundred miles of Lynchburg, to say the least; and in all probability would not now be within her borders. The fact that no demonstration whatever was made when he uttered such an atrocious falsehood is an evidence of the propriety and courteousness of our citizens. In conclusion, we assail the motives of no man. We believe a man has a right to differ with us politically and every other way. But because we recognize his right to do that, we do not recognize the right of any man to slander us as Mr. Sener knows he did, and while we believe in political toleration, we will not tolerate a falsehood calculated to injure our people. To the utterances of others in the convention, as they were mere puppets and supple jacks dancing to the tune suggested by their leaders, we will say nothing."

Republican State Convention.

At The Virginia State Republican Convention, which met in Lynchburg on Wednesday and adjourned on Thursday evening, after a boisterous session, elected the following delegates to the national convention:

For the State at large, John F. Lewis, W. H H. Stowell, William N. Stevens (colored) and Col Richard H Carter; first district, J. B. Sener and Peter J. Carter (colored;) second district, John T. Diezendorf and W. J. M. Dawson, (colored;) third district, Otis H. Russell and J. W. Poindexter, (colored;) fourth district, William L. Fernald and Ross Hamilton, (colored;) fifth district, D. S. Lewis and John P. Dehaven, (colored;) sixth district, Jno. Henry Rives and Geo. V. Case; seventh district, J. W. Porter and Joseph Harrison, (colored;) eighth district, William Miller and Osus Blanchard, (colored;) ninth district, W. S. Oakey, and Jacob Wagner.

A correspondent of the New York Herald, writing from Lynchburg, says: "A carefully prepared analysis, after consultation with the delegation, goes to show that of the twenty two there are only eleven which can be counted for Mr. Blaine; four are for Mr. Morton, and the remaining seven for Mr. Conkling on the first ballot. After that it is impossible to predict how they may vote, but it is safe to say that half of the delegation are anti-Blaine in any contingency, and will under no circumstances vote for him. Ten of the delegation are federal office-holders, all white men; eight are colored, holding no office, and the remaining four whites are local politicians. Considering that the delegation is uninstructed the anti Blaine men regard it as a victory of great importance."

Call for Conservative State Convention.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at a meeting of the members of the State Committee of the Conservative party of Virginia, held in the city of Richmond, March 15, 1876, a Convention of the party will be held in the city of Richmond, on wedne day, May 31, 1876, preparatory to the meeting of the National Convention in St. Louis, on the 27th of June next, and for the organization of the party for the approaching presidential election. The Convention will consist of two delegates and two alternates from each magisterial district, and one delegate and one alternate from each voting precinct in every city of the Commonwealth.

JOHN A. MEREDITH, Chairman.
By order of the committee.
NATHANIEL B. MEADE,
Chairman State Executive Committee.
A. Q. Holladay Secretary.

Special telegram to the Richmond Dispatch.

Blaine and Randolph Tucker in the Field Again.

A little oratorical combat occurred in the House on Monday between Blaine and Randolph Tucker, and the general comment is that the gentleman from Maine certainly came out of the contest with his feathers ruffled. It was a discussion upon points of law, or rather, duties of courts. The Hallet-Kilbourn case being before the House, Blaine, who is ever on the alert for a hot discussion, met more than his match when he tackled Tucker. He became nervous and excited, and must have learned that there is mettle and ability from Virginia that it is not safe for him to tamper with. Tucker's friends were afraid he would get mad and say something indiscreet, but the temper of the Virginian was as admirable as his victory was complete. Blaine made a desperate effort to inaugurate a wild old States rights' discussion on which he could make a war speech.

BABCOCK, HARRINGTON, NETTLESHIP AND OTHERS IN ANOTHER SCRAPE.—Orville Babcock, Richard Harrington, Hiram C. Whitely, Ichabod C. Nettleship, Thomas P. Somerville, George E. Miles and Walter Brown have been indicted for a conspiracy to injure and oppress Columbus Alexander, and that in pursuance of the said conspiracy they did procure the said Brown and the said Miles to break into and enter the office of the Attorney of the United States and take therefrom certain books to carry them to the residence of said Alexander.

General Babcock, who seemed to know what was going to happen, was in court with his bondsman, A. R Shepherd, and gave bail in the sum of $10,000. Bench warrants were issued for the others.

HEAVY CONTRACT.—Mr C. P. Huntington, president of the Southern Pacific railroad, has concluded a contract with the Tredegar Company, Richmond, Va., for the necessary rail and trimmings for one hundred and twenty-five miles of that road.

NEWS ITEMS.

Australia exported in 1875 gold dust to the amount of $15,889,525.

Secret societies are being organized by the Chinese throughout Nevada.

President-elect Prado of Peru, sailed from New York Saturday for Europe.

Capt. Wm. English, a prominent citizen of Richmond, Va., and a native of Ireland, is dead.

Outside of St. Louis, it is said, there is not a democratic paper in Missouri whice opposes Hendricks for President.

The Chicago council has declared the recent town election null and void on account of frauds, and has appointed a new set of officers.

The Journal de St. Petersburg says there is not the slightest difference between Russia and Australia, but reports continue contradictory.

Dana, of the *Sun*, and Grant now agree in supporting Conkling for the Presidency. The lion and the lamb have laid down together.

Mr. Palmer, of New York, has bought an interest of $100,000 in the Southwestern Virginia Salt works, from Mr. W. A. Stuart.

Suit has been brought in Boston by S. C. Maine against Gen. B. F. Butler for $200,000, for alleged violation of contracts relative to certain patents.

Hon. Ambler Smith, telegraphs that Mr. Conkling can count on twelve votes from Virginia, notwithstanding that the convention declared for Mr. Blaine.

Storey advises trying honesty as the new Indian policy. He says every other policy, including the war policy, peace policy and a mixture of both, has been tried and failed.

About one hundred feet of the dam across the Kansas river at Lawrence broke Saturday, and carried down one pier and two spans of the bridge over the river.

Mr. Blaine, a prominent republican candidate for the presidency, is accused by the Indanapolis Sentinel of having surreptitiously received $64,000 of the Union Pacific railroad funds.

The large tobacco factory of J. T. Stovall, at Danville, Va., together with fifty thousand pounds of leaf tobacco, was destroyed by fire on Friday. Loss $25,000; insured $10,000.

The schooner Katie, which left Port Musgrave on the 2d instant for Boston, with 63 passengers, including several women and children, has not since been heard from, and it is feared has foundered with all on board.

Col. James O. Broadhead is liable to turn up at the St. Louis Convention as a democratic candidate for the presidency. There are several projects on foot in Missouri to bring him out as a "favorite son."

Judge Hilton, one of the executors, says in reference to the business affairs of the late A. T. Stewart that they would be continued the same as if deceased were still alive, and that all plans and projects in operation or in prospect at the time of his death would be faithfully carried out.

The baby farming business, as carried on in Montreal, Canada, is attracting considerable attention. It is said that out of 719 babies received at Montreal Gray Nun Hospital last year only 88 survived, and that 421 of the illegitimate children belong to Montreal, and 47 were sent from the United States.

Mr. A T. Stewart has left the great bulk of his property to his wife, and the handsome amount of a million to his friend Judge Hilton, who has long been his attorney and advisor. Smaller amounts are left to other persons. The expectations of some that he would leave munificent sums to public charities have not been realized. To employees of over twenty years he leaves the sum of $1,000, and those over ten years $5000 each.

The steamship Hevetius, with the Emperor and Empress of Brazil and suite, arrived in New York Saturday afternoon. The imperial visitors were saluted by the forts and men of-war as the steamship passed up the harbor.—They were formally received at quarantine by Secretaries Fish, Taft and Robeson, who were accompanied by the Brazilian minister and others. On reaching New York the emperor and party avoided a public reception or display, and proceeded immediately to the Fifth Axenue Hotel. In the evening they visited Booth's theatre and witnessed Rignold's performance of Henry V. After returning to the hotel they were serenaded by the Seventh Regiment Band, and were lustily cheered by the crowd on appearing at the windows in answer to the compliment.

A NEW CATTLE YARD.—A project is now on foot, in this city, to purchase the Virginia House lot, at the upper end of King street, and fit it up for a cattle exchange. This would be a great advantage to cattle dealers, saving many miles of drive to shipping points, and we hope to see it succeed and quickly.—*Alexandria Sentinel.*

THE BODY OF L. H. CHANDLER.—The body of L H. Chandler, whose mysterious disappearance occurred about two weeks ago, was found on Monday floating in the water, about four hundred yards from his residence. It was much swollen and greatly mutilated by crabs. His pockets were loaded with stones and rocks.

The United States Court at St. Louis has declined to delay commitment in the case of W. O Avery, who prefers a transfer to some eastern penitentiary, and he and McDonald were to be formally committed to the penitentiary at Jefferson City on Sunday.

At Portsmouth, Va., on Saturday morning, two men were killed and two badly wounded by the explosion of a shell which had just been taken from the wreck of the Confederate iron clad Merrimac, Which sunk fourteen years ago.

A Lawrence, Mass., dispatch states that the Merrimack river is very high, and that 4,500 mill operatives are out of employment in consequence.

MARRIED.

In Harrisonburg, April 13th, by Rev. J. Rice Bowman, John W. Rhodes and Eliza Pittington—all of this county.

Near Mt. Meridian, April 11th, by Rev. Christian Hartmann, Andy S. Gentry and Mollie L. Beard

DIED.

On Sunday week, Jno. N., infant son of N. C. and S. B. Gregory, of Staunton.

On April 11th, 1876, at her residence in Bridgewater, of congestion of the brain, Mrs. Mary Jane Carroll, aged 24 years, 3 months and 16 days. She leaves a husband and four small children to mourn their loss. She was a member of the United Brethren Church and died in hope of eternal life.

COMMERCIAL.

HARRISONBURG MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY LONG & HELLER.

THURSDAY MORNING, April 20, 1876.

Flour—Family	$6 00@6 00
Do Extra	5 50@6 00
Do Super	4 00@4 25
Wheat	1 15@1 25
Rye	0 60@0 60
Corn, (new)	0 00@0 50
Oats, (new)	0 35@0 40
Corn Meal	0 65@0 65
Bacon	0 11@0 12
Pork	0 00@7 00
Flaxseed	0 00@1 00
Salt, ℔ sack	0 00@2 25
Hay	00 00@12 00
Lard	0 00@12½
Butter, (good fresh)	0 30@0 30
Eggs	0 00@12½
Potatoes, new	0 00@0 35
Wool, (unwashed)	0 00@0 30
Do (washed)	0 00@0 40

CATTLE MARKETS.

BALTIMORE, April 12, 1876.

PRICES.

Best Beeves	$5 25 a 6 25
Generally rated first quality	4 75 a 5 25
Medium or good fair quality	4 00 a 4 75
Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows	2 75 a 4 00
General average of the market	4 87
Extreme range of Prices	2 75 a 6 25
Most of the sales were from	4 62 a 5 62

RECEIPTS.

Cattle	1,258
Sheep and Lambs	3 462
Hogs	5,429

The market has been exceedingly dull this week, and prices were lower.

Sheep—There has been a fair demand for good sheared. Prices are off a trifle. Dealers advise the shearing of the Sheep before shipment, as wool Sheep re but little called for. We quote sheared a 4½a6c, and wool Sheep at 4½a7c per lb, and very dull.

Hogs—The market has not been as active as last week. Prices have experienced no variation since last week. We quote light bacon Hogs at 10½a11c, and good to extra at 11½a12c per lb.

ALEXANDRIA CATTLE MARKET, April 14.—The market this week has been very dull, with light offerings and quality generally inferior. We note a falling off of ½c all around. Cattle sold at 4a5c, and Calves at 5a7c. Sheep are in light receipt, with sales slow at 5a7 for wool, and 4a6c for clipped. A few Lambs brought 3a$5 per head Hogs are dull at 10a11c for live; no dressed coming in Cows and Calves are more active, and prices have advanced. The offerings for the week were good, and sales range from 30a$65.

GEORGETOWN CATTLE MARKET, April 13.—The market was very dull, with offerings of 310 head of Beef Cattle, 600 Sheep and a few Cows and Calves. A portion of the Beeves sold at prices ranging from 3½a6½c per lb, 170 being left over unsold. Only 140 Sheep were sold at 5a7c per lb. Cows and Calves 20a$50.

New Advertisements.

HARRISONBURG IN A BLAZE

—OF—

Excitement Over the Great Fall in Prices!

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!

New Spring Stock!

A FULL AND COMPLETE STOCK ON HAND AND WILL BE SOLD UNUSUALLY CHEAP.

Special attention called to reduced prices.
Very best Calicoes from 5c to 7c per yard;
Laurel D 4-4 Sheeting, 9c per yd;
Best Quality 4-4 Bleached Cotton, 10c.
Fruit of the Loom, best Bleached Cotton, 10½c;
10-4 Brown Sheeting, 30 cts. per yard;
10 4 Bleached Sheeting, 35 cts. per yard;
Clark's O. N. T. Spool Cotton, 6c per spool.

ALSO A LARGE STOCK OF

Black Alpacas.

latest styles of Dress Goods. Ladies', Gentlemen, and Children's Shoes, Fancy Goods, Ladies', Gentlemen's, and Children's Lisle Gloves, best quality of Kid Gloves, Striped Hosiery, Corsets, &c.

NOTIONS IN ENDLESS VARIETIES!

Note following prices: Smith's best Drilled Eye Needles, 5c.; 280 good Pins, 5c.; one gross 144 Buttons Eastham, George Roberts, James Roberts and Lucy Roberts, ... Defendants.

In Chancery in the Circuit Court of Rockingham Co.

EXTRACT FROM DECREE RENDERED AT THE JANUARY TERM, 1876:—"The Court doth adjudge order, and decree, that A. M. Newman, and the event that he cannot act from any cause, one of the other Commissioners of this Court do proceed to ascertain and report the liens, whether for unpaid purchase money, judgments, or otherwise upon the real estate in the bill and proceedings mentioned, their character and relative priorities, how evidenced; what is the actual and annual value of said real estate; in whose possession the same is; under what title held; when and by whom made; how evidenced; whether all the real estate of George Eastham, dec'd, was alienated by him in his lifetime, and if not, what land was thus retained? in whose possession the same now is? by what title held and where it lies and what is its actual and annual value, and any other matters he may deem pertinent or any party interested may desire. Said Commissioner, or any party interested, is authorized to file any pertinent interrogatories to any of the parties, touching any matter of account or matter of enquiry directed by this decree.

But before proceeding to take the accounts herein directed or otherwise execute this decree, said Commissioner is directed to publish notice of the time and place of taking or executing the same for four successive weeks in some newspaper published in Harrisonburg to all the parties interested therein, which shall be in lieu of personal service on the parties. Said Commissioner is directed to execute this decree and return his report and account if practicable to the next term of this Court."

Notice is hereby given to the parties to the above entitled cause and all others interested or in anywise to be affected by the taking of said accounts, that I have fixed upon Monday, the 8th day of May, 1876, at my office in Harrisonburg, Va., as the time and place of taking the same, at which time and place they will attend and do what is necessary to protect their respective interests in the premises.

Given under my hand as Commissioner in Chancery of said Court this 10th day of April, 1876.

PENDLETON BRYAN,
Walton, p. q.—april 13-4w Com. in Chan.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
HARRISONBURG, VA., April 4, 1876.

Mary F. Miller, complainant, and Calvin Miller, administrator of Brown Miller, and in his own right, Osbert Miller and Archibald Taylor, defendants, and all others whom it may concern.

Take Notice,

That I have fixed upon THURSDAY, MAY 4TH, 1876, at my office in Harrisonburg, to take the accounts required by decree of the County Court of Rockingham, of February 20, 1872, in chancery suit Mary F. Miller vs. Brown Miller, &c., then therein depending and since removed to the Circuit Court of said county, viz:

1st—State and settle the accounts of Calvin Miller as administrator of Brown Miller, dec'd;

2d—To ascertain and report the debts unpaid and outstanding against the estate of Brown Miller, dec'd.

april-4w F. A. DAINGERFIELD, Com. Ch'y.
Yancey & Conrad, Att'ys for Complainant.

NOW IS THE TIME!

WE have just opened our new and elegant stock of

SPRING GOODS,

consisting of Gentlemen's Clothing and Furnishing Goods.

Now is the Time to buy Cheap.

ESHMAN & ŒSTREICHER'S
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ECONOMY
Shoulder Seam Shirt

Made of Wamsutta Muslin and 2100 Linen.

Every Shirt Warranted to Fit.

$12.00 to $15.00 per Dozen.

SOLD BY

D. M. SWITZER & SON.
April 13, 1875.

Fresh Cows For Sale.

THE undersigned has for sale three good Cows, fresh this month.
Apr. 13-3w ALEX. LOGAN, Near Harrisonburg, Va.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

THE co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned has been dissolved (from April 1, 1876,) by mutual consent. Settlements will be made by either party.
April 13-3t B. F. RICHARDS, W. H. WAESCHE.

Temple of Fashion

REPLENISHED AND RENOVATED!

Splendid Display of Spring Styles of Gent's Goods.

GEO. S. CHRISTIE, our Fashionable Merchant Tailor, would respectfully inform his old customers and the public that he has largely replenished his stock of

CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, SUITINGS,

VESTINGS, &C., with everything new and desirable in the way of Men and Boys' Goods, suitable for the Spring and Summer of 1876.

Also a full line of Gent's Furnishing Goods, such as Scarfs, Cravats, Ties, ollars—linen and paper of all styles—Suspenders, Linen Handkerchiefs, Socks—English and Balbrigan, Gloves a speciality, French calf and pure buck black Kids, Hooked Yarn, Berlin lined. Also a full line of coat and vest bindings. Orders received for coat-fitting shirts.

The unequalled Shoulder Seam Shirts, made of Wamsutta Cotton, with bosom of 2100 thread Linen, for only $15 per dozen or $1.25 each. Cheaper than you can buy the goods and make the shirt.

P. S. Agent for the Champion Sewing Machine—the Weed.

Come one, come all. Satisfaction guaranteed in every respect.

Remember the place for Gent's supplies is at the Temple of Fashion, adjoining Ott's Drug Building.
ap20-tf.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

OF

VALUABLE LIVERY STOCK.

BY virtue of a deed of trust executed to me by J. D L. Heikkel, on the 15th day of October, 1875, of record in the County Clerk's office of Rockingham county, I shall proceed to sell at public auction, at the Court House Square, Harrisonburg, Virginia, on

Tuesday, May 16th, 1876,

commencing at 11 o'clock, A. M., the following property, to-wit: 1 6-Passenger Germantown Carriage, 1 Coal-box leather top Buggy, 1 Concord Spring no top Buggy, 1 Yellow Wheel no top Buggy, 2 Yacht leather top Buggies, 1 Piano box leather top Buggy, 1 Concord Side Spring leather top Buggy, 1 four-seat Glass Door Carriage, 1 four-seat half top Phaeton, 1 Jump seat leather top Buggy, 1 Turn out Seat Drag, 1 Concord Baggage Wagon with top, 1 Bay Horse, 1 Brown Horse and four Black Horses.

TERMS:—A credit of sixty days will be given, purchasers executing negotiable notes well endorsed.

CHAS. A YANCEY, Trustee.
ap20-tf.

ICE! ICE!! ICE!!!

SHIPPLETT & BRO.,

(Successors to D. A. Plecker.)

WILL deliver ice to their old customers in Harrisonburg, and others, at one cent per pound on and after May 1st, 1876.

I WILL also furnish ice the coming season at one cent per pound. SAM'L BRUNK.
ap20-2w.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

PERSONS indebted to the estate of Matthias Ruebush by note or otherwise, are requested to make immediate payment.

SAMUEL & WM. RUEBUSH,
ap20-3w. Executors of Matthias Ruebush.

FULL SUITS from $3.00 up. Call early at
apr13 ESHMAN & ŒSTREICHER'S.

EXTENSION TABLES, 8x10 feet, walnut or ash, for sale by, R. C PAUL, F. Market St., feb3 above Effinger's Produce Store.

LONG & HELLER keep a fine line Hats. nov.11

SALES.

Public Sale.

PURSUANT to a decree entered at the January Term, of the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, 1876, in the chancery cases of Charlotte Parvant and N. Kiger, heard together, vs. F. M. Layton's administrator, as Commissioners, we will offer at public vendue,

On Tuesday, the 2nd day of May, 1876,

on the premises, the following tracts of land: one tract containing

112 ACRES,

lying on the east side of North River, near the Augusta line, also near if not adjoining, the lands of Sandy Fulton and Benj J. Craig. This farm is in good state of cultivation, with ample buildings, Fruit Trees, &c., and is bounded on the West by the North River. Also

45 Acres of Land.

lying on the north side of Middle River and adjoining the lands of Benj. J. Craig and others. The latter tract is of very fine quality of land, being part of the home tract belonging to the estate of F. M. Layton, dec'd

TERMS OF SALE: Enough of money in hand to pay costs of these suits and sale; balance in one, two, and three equal annual payments—purchaser giving bonds with approved personal security, and a lien retained as ultimate security.

B. G. PATTERSON,
WM. B COMPTON,
april6-4w Commissioners.

Public Sale.

PURSUANT to a decree entered at the January Term of the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, in the chancery cause of St. C. D. Kirtley's administrator vs. St. C. D. Kirtley, &c., I will offer at public vendue, on the premises,

On the 28th day of April, 1876,

Several Tracts of Land,

lying on and near the Shenandoah River, in Rockingham county: one tract of two hundred acres, lying on the River; one tract of about 167 acres; one tract of about 220 acres; and two or three small tracts lying in the same neighborhood. These tracts of land are known as a part of the Real Estate of the late St. C. D. Kirtley. These lands are well adapted to grass and the growth of all kinds of grain, also good tobacco land. The improvements are fair; land well watered. Each tract has sufficient timber. Persons wishing to purchase a desirable and cheap home cannot do better.

TERMS OF SALE:—One-fifth of the purchase money to be paid in hand; balance in 1, 2 and 3 years, with interest from day of sale; purchaser giving bonds approved personal security, and a lien retained on the land as ultimate security.

Sale begins at 10 o'clock.

april6 ts B. G. PATTERSON, Comm'r.

PUBLIC SALE

AT TAYLOR'S SPRINGS.

ON THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH, 1876, if fair, if not then the next fair day, I will offer for sale, commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M., the following property, to wit:

Five Head of Horses,

(one a very fine blooded Stallion,)

Seven Milch Cows,

FARMING UTENSILS generally, one nearly new Excelsior Reaper, Wagons, a large lot of HOUSEHOLD AND KITCHEN FURNITURE, of all qualities.

TERMS:—Six months credit on all sums over twenty dollars.

MARTHA A. KYLE.
March 30-3w*

PUBLIC RENTING.

BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Rockingham county rendered at the January Term, 1876, in the chancery cause of W. A. Long vs. J. H. Grim, &c., I shall proceed **On Monday, April 24th, 1876,** in front of the south door of the Court-House of Rockingham county, to rent out for the term of two years the TRACT OF LAND on which Geo. Washington Grim now resides, situated about two miles from McGaheysville. Terms cash. Possession given immediately. Renting will take place at 1 o'clock P. M.

J. D. SCOTT,
march30-tf Deputy for D. H. Rolston, S. R. C.

For Sale or Rent.

HOUSE AND LOTS on the Hill. Handsome, convenient and comfortable residence, with flowers and fruits in abundance. Also several lots for sale or rent. Possession given immediately. Apply to

WM. H. WAESCHE,
march16- Magnolia Saloon.

The Lot! Situated between the properties of Dr. F. L. Harris and Dr. Wm. O. Hill, on Main street, can be bought cheap, if application is made at once to

april6-tf. YANCEY & CONRAD.

MOSES WALT

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We are prepared to do Job Printing of all kinds at low rates. FOR CASH.

Time Table—Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

MAIL TRAIN—EAST—Leaves Staunton 7:30 a. m, Harrisonburg 8:30 a. m. Arrives at Harper's Ferry 1:30 p. m., Washington 5:30 p. m., Baltimore 6:35 p. m. Returning, leave Baltimore 7:25 a. m., Washington 8:45 a. m. and arrives at Harrisonburg 4:35 p. m., Staunton 5:45 p. m.

HARRISONBURG ACCOMMODATION leaves Harrisonburg at 7:00 a. m., connecting at Staunton with C. & O. train for Richmond, Lynchburg, &c. Returning, leaves Staunton at 4:35 p. m., arrives at Harrisonburg at 6:20 p. m.

LOCAL ACCOMMODATION—(Carrying Passengers)—Leaves Harper's Ferry 7.45 a. m.; arriving at Harrisonburg 4.15 p. m. Returning leaves Harrisonburg at 7 p. m., arriving at Harper's Ferry 2.50 A. M., and Baltimore 8.30 a. m.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—On Court days, for the accommodation of those attending Court, a special passenger train will leave Timberville at 7 o'clock in the morning for Harrisonburg

C. A. SPRINKEL, AGENT.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

J. FRANK LEWIS & Co., No. 30 Second Street, are our authorized Agents for the city of Baltimore.

COUNTY COURT—County Court, Judge C. T. O'Ferrall presiding, commenced its April term on Monday.

FIRST DAY.

Ulrick Wittig qualified as administrator of Adam Leasa, deceased.

John Graham Effinger qualified as guardian of Wm. Bear.

Wm. H. Archeart qualified as administrator of Raphael Myers, deceased.

John Harper qualified as administrator d. b. n. c. t. a. of Samuel Miller, deceased.

Joseph J. Halsey qualified as administrator d. b. n. of Israel Jones, deceased.

The will of John Huffman was admitted to probate and R. W. Harrison qualified as executor. The will of Moses Fooman was also admitted to probate and R. M. Grubb qualified as executor.

Dr. Geo. W. McFarland qualified as Notary Public.

Rev. C. W. Stinespring of U. B. C. in Christ, qualified to celebrate the rites of matrimony.

Harry Fulk was fined $200 and costs for assault and battery.

Susannah and Kate Taylor were fined $62,50 each for keeping disorderly house.

Ordinary and Merchants Retail Liquor license granted to A. J. Wall, James Kavanaugh, Richards & Bell, and Eating House and Merchants Retail Liquor license to Mrs. Mary L. Pollock, Harrisonburg. Retail Liquor license was also granted to M. M. Helbert, Broadway.

Judges of election were appointed. List will be published next week.

SECOND DAY.

George Messersmith qualified as guardian of Eliza Jane Bear.

The Grand Jury made the following indictments: Against Joseph S. Shreckhise for violation of liquor license—four cases; against Daniel Fisher for the same offence—two cases; against Allen Gentry for petit larceny.

The case of B. G. Patterson vs. B. & O. R. R. for damages resulting from the loss of a calf by being killed by the cars, was on trial at the close of our report.

THE MCCALL BARN-BURNING CASE.—Last week we published the substance of John Taylor's confession, relative to the burning of Wm. P. McCall's barn in January last, which implicated Eliza Campbell and Ephraim Garner, colored. Garner's arrest and imprisonment was noticed in our last issue, since which Eliza Campbell has also been arrested and committed to jail. The grand jury had their cases under consideration at this term of the court, but owing to the sickness of an important witness the cases were continued until the next grand jury.

A FRAUD.—From information received from the Post Master at New York city, we are of the opinion that Gordon Thomas' Merchants and Bankers Prize Association is a swindle, and that it and the firm of Thos. L. Clayton & Co., purporting to be advertising agents, are one and the same. We advertised the "Merchants and Bankers Prize Association last week, but we advise our readers to have nothing to do with the concern.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday of last week, Emile, aged four years, son of Dr. John B. Amiss, of Waverlie, in this county, fell from a second-story window of his father's residence, and had his left leg above the knee fractured in two places, and received severe bruises about the face. His father was away from home at the time, but was sent for immediately. He reduced the fractures, and the little sufferer is mending rapidly.

BREVITIES.

Corn planting is now in order among farmers.

Judge Beazley, of Greene county, was in town this week.

Hon. John T. Harris came home on Friday last and remained several days.

The appearance of the Revere House has been improved by a coat of paint.

A still further decline in goods has taken place in Harrisonburg. Now is the time to buy.

A. J. Wall bought the billiard tables of St. Clair K. Gray, sold on Saturday last.

The iron bridge across Narrow Passage, it is expected, will be completed in about two weeks.

The Grangers of Augusta want to sell their elephant—the Grange Hall in Staunton.

Mr. J. C. Wright, formerly with the Evening Journal, is now connected with the Richmond Enquirer.

Dr. John W. Harris, of Staunton, has accepted a position upon the editorial staff of the Indianapolis "Sentinel."

Dr. Wm. J. Points, of this town, was elected last week, Grand Patriarch of the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Virginia.

B. F. Duane, X. T. K., who is so well known to our citizens as a humorist, will play in Harrisonburg again this summer.

The dancing fraternity of Harrisonburg had a "Hop" on Monday night. There was one at Hon. John F. Lewis' on the same evening.

Shipplett & Bro. have bought D. A. Plecker's stock of ice, and will supply those who want ice in Harrisonburg the coming season at one cent a pound.

Mr. G. W. Berlin has been selected to deliver the annual address before the Literary Society of the Valley Normal School, Bridgewater, in June next.

Base Ball season has arrived. The player buckles up his sleeves, and with a despairing and mournful look at the last straight finger, goes in for the summer's fun.

The Catholic Church in Harrisonburg will be consecrated next month. The Catholic Choir of Staunton will render the music on the occasion. Full particulars next week.

Rev. Mr. Fletcher preached morning and evening at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, and Rev. Wm. A Harris, of Staunton, at the Methodist Church.

We learn the B. & O. railroad Company has paid Mr. Jacob N. Cowan, of this county, the sum of $1503.93 for twenty head of cattle belonging to him which were killed at the Narrow Passage disaster.

Near Lacey Spring, on Sunday of last week, Mr. Chas. Brock killed a chicken hawk that measured 5 feet 8½ inches from tip to tip of wings, and 25 inches from beak to end of tail, and weighed four pounds.

The Town Council or County Court should adopt some measures to keep persons off the grass in the Court House Yard. It is growing finely, and will add much to the appearance of the Square if it is not destroyed by persons walking on it.

There were four four legged dogs within the Bar of the Court House at one time during the session of Tuesday morning. A fight was the result. An inebriated individual remarked, "this court is a d—d humbug," whereupon Judge O'Ferrall sent him to jail for one day.

PHILADELPHIA.—In consequence of the great influx of visitors to Philadelphia during the Exposition large quantities of Produce will be required to meet the demand. Shippers and Producers should select some reliable Commission House to consign to like Messrs. Ballard & Co., 42 North Water Street, whose card will be found in another column. They deal in all kinds of early vegetables and fruits. They are also handling all kind of country produce, and shippers would do well to open up a correspondence with this firm and give them a trial. ii.

THE NEW ROAD LAW.—On the first page of this issue we publish the new Road Law for Rockingham, Shenandoah and Page, which goes into effect on the 1st of May. We thus surrender our space because there is a general desire to know the provisions of the law.

Judge O'Ferrell, at the May term of his Court, will appoint Road Commissioners to serve until July 1st, at which time those elected in May will go into office.

SOME BEET.—Mr. Ad. R. Holland, living on Dry River, in this county, brought to the COMMONWEALTH office on Friday last, a beat which weighed twelve pounds. Last fall it weighed thirteen pounds. The beet is solid, and those raised in the same patch were very fine in flavor. For size, this beet is hard to beat.

J. D. Price, Real Estate Agent, sold since our last issue, to Col. D. H. Lee Martz a lot belonging to M. Harvey Effinger, adjoining the lots lately purchased by Chas. A. Sprinkle, Esq., for $500. We learn Col. Martz intends erecting a handsome residence on it.

CENTENARIANS.—Mrs. Katy Shepp, residing near Keezletown, in this county, is about one hundred years old, and not one hundred and seven as heretofore stated. Her first husband, a Mr. Tyler, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. After his death she married a man by the name of Hedrick alias Shepp. Hedrick was a British soldier in the Revolutionary War, and deserted and took up a residence in Peaked Mountain, taking the name of George Shepp to avoid arrest.

Mrs. Shepp had a third husband by the name of Dorman. Dorman died several years ago, aged about eighty-six years. Mrs. Shepp has stated to neighbors that she was ten years the senior of Dorman, which would now make her about one hundred years old. She is able to walk about, has good eyesight, good health, and talks very well.

George Lore, residing in the Forest, near Plain's Mill, in the lower part of the county, is also about one hundred years of age. He was older than Dr. S. D. Williamson, we learn, who died several years ago aged ninety-six years.

MUSICAL TREAT.—The citizens of Harrisonburg have a fine musical treat in store for them. Steubgen's Centennial Quintette Club, which is to furnish music at Rawley Spings the coming season, will in June next give a grand concert at Masonic Hall. The club is composed of the following gentlemen: F. Steubgen, Charles Smith, Anton Henning, Gus. Ellis and J. H. Bell.

Prof. Steubgen is well known to our citizens, before whom he has appeared frequently, and needs no notice at our hands. Charles Smith, Eb Cornett, was formerly of the Royal Guards Band, Munich, Bavaria. J. H. Bell, the young Cornettist of New Orleans, is well known to musicans. Anton Henning, has few rivals as a solo clarinet player, and formerly belonged to the Berlin, Prussia, Orchestra Gus. Ellis, contra bass, was for some time a member of the Guards Band, London, England.

Mr. Henning will go to Philadelphia during the Centennial Exhibition, and the vacancy during the season at Rawley will be filled by Mr. Charles Eshman of this town.

Futher particulars concerning the concert will be given in our next issue

SEPARATION OF THE BALTO. & OHIO AND VALLEY RAILROADS.—At a meeting of the Directors of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, on Wednesday of last week, the resolution of the Valley road, terminating the contract for the lease of the road on the 1st of May, was adopted and the road ordered to be delivered up on that day.

A resolution was also adopted that the Baltimore & Ohio decline to lease the Valley road for two years from May 1st, at $30,000 per year.

A meeting of the Directors of the Valley Railroad was held on Friday, when the action of the B. & O. road was reported. A committee, consisting of Wm. Seemuller, Richard Norris and M. G. Harman, was appointed to lease the road, and to report on the 25th inst., to which time the meeting adjourned.

THE GOODS have been received at Christie's Temple of Fashions, at his old stand adjoining Ott's Drug Building. His stock represents the styles which will prevail during the summer season of this great Centennial Year. He will be pleased to see all, confident of his ability to please the most fastidious either in price or quality. He has taken advantage of the reductions in goods of all kinds, and is prepaed to give his friends and the public great advantages in the purchase of goods in his line. He buys as good goods at as low figures and will sell them as cheap as "any other man." Call and see.

ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS.—At a meeting of the Congregation of Emmanuel Church, held on Easter Monday night, the following persons were elected Vestrymen for the ensuing year:

Andrew Lewis, Dr. Frank L. Harris, Chas. E Haas, J. P. Effinger, J. Gassman, R. E Freeman, Capt. F A. Daingerfield, B. B. Botts, Gen. J. R. Jones, Jas. L. Avis, J. S. Lewis, J. Wilton.

Andrew Lewis was re-elected Sr. Warden; Chas. E. Haas was elected Jr Warden. R. E Freeman was re-elected Registrar and Jacob Gassman Treasurer.

MAKE A LIST OF YOUR BONDS.—The law requires persons to prepare and show to the Commissioners of the Revenue a list of their bonds and notes and other evidences of debt, and as the Commissioners will soon call upon them, they should at once prepare such lists. Bonds that are not listed cannot be collected by law until the tax on them is paid with an addition of 50 per cent.

THE NARROW GAUGE R. R.—Work on this road in Highland county is progressing favorably. Eleven miles, from Monterey east, are nearly completed. The Board of Supervisors delivered over to the Railroad Company, a few days ago, $10,000 more in bonds. This makes $30,000 the county has paid on her subscription of $50,000.

ENTERTAINMENT AT PORT REPUBLIC.—The Ladies Aid Society and the members of the Port Republic Brass Band will give an entertainment at Port Republic on Tuesday evening next, in the M. E. Church. The great moral drama, "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room," will be put upon the boards, after which refreshments will be served in abundance. Clary's Brass Band of Harrisonburg will furnish music on the occasion.

SUDDEN DEATHS.—John Gwin, a worthy farmer living near Monterey, Highland county, fell dead while walking in his meadow on Friday afternoon last. No cause known.

Washington Wills, of Crab Bottom in the same county, one day last week fell from a fence on which he was sitting, and died instantly. Cause unknown.

BRIDGEWATER LOCALS.

The protracted meeting that has been held here the past few weeks closed last Wednesday night with good results—good many conversions and several accessions to the church, and we believe the good work is still going on.

The young men of this place have organized a Young Mens' Prayer Meeting, which meets every Saturday night in the Council room of the Jonadabs. We hope they may keep it up.

The officers of Resolute Council, No. 4, S. of J., were duly installed Thursday night by Grand Patriarch J. D. Bucher. The Council is progressing finely, and receive accessions nearly every meeting.

The Normal School of this place is making preparations for the closing exercises in June Mr. G. W Berlin has accepted the invitation to deliver the annual oration before the Philomathian Society at its celebrations on 9th of June next. A large audience is expected.

The Athletic Base Ball Club has accepted the challenge given by the Mutuals of this place some time ago, and will play on the grounds of the latter Saturday, 22nd, at 2 o'clock p. m., prompt. The clubs will appear in full costume for the first time The ladies of this place and vicinity, and especially those who so kindly assisted in making the costumes, are respectfully invited and confidently expected to be present during the game Seats have been erected for their special benefit. The Mutuals of this place respectfully announce that they are ready to receive challenges from any club in the Valley, and should be pleased to hear from the Independents, Centennials or Stonewall Clubs.

Mr. Edd Gibbs, of this place, is prepared to do anything in the line of watch repairing, etc., that may be entrusted to his care. Give him a call.

It has been rumored that Dave Pool, our jolly good friend, talks of starting to California in a few days. We hope it is nothing but a rumor. Our Buckeyed friend found a *Lip* for his *Cap*. Everybody seems lively. CEF.

Resolutions of Condolence.

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom and goodness to remove from our midst the wife of our beloved brother, R. E. Carroll. Therefore be it

Resolved 1st, That we deeply sympathize with our bereaved brother in this hour of deepest affliction, caused by the loss of one near and dear, and who has been the sharer of his joys and sorrows and the blessings and enjoyments of this life.

Resolved 2nd, That it will be the earnest endeavor of the members of Bridgewater Lodge, No 120, I. O. O F., and Resolute Council, No. 4, Sons of Jonadab, to unite in rendering him all the encouragement in their power to bow submissively to the will of God, "who *gave* and who *taketh* away;" and may he be enabled to say, "*Blessed be the name of the Lord*, for he doeth all things well."

Resolved 3rd, That our united prayers shall ascend to the Majesty on high, in his behalf, and pray that God may sanctify this affliction to his good, and enable him to train up his motherless children in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord," believing that "the *righteous* shall never be forsaken, or his seed be found begging bread."

Resolved 4th, That these Resolutions be published in the OLD COMMONWEALTH and *Rockingham Register*, and a copy furnished our brother as a slight token of respect and condolence in this hour of dark affliction, well knowing that "*time* and *silence* alone can heal the wounds of a *broken heart*"

D. L. POOL,
D. D. LINK,
Committee Bridgewater Lodge, No. 120, I. O. O. F.

J. D. BUCHER,
S. F. LINDSEY,
Committe Resolute Council, No. 4, Sons of Jonadab.

Bishop Johns.

At a meeting of the Vestry of Emmanuel Church, Harrisonburg, Va., held on Easter Monday, 1876, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Great Head of the Church to remove from among us our venerable Bishop, JOHN JOHNS, be it, by this Vestry, resolved—

1st, That, while we mourn over our great loss, in the death of our late Bishop, we yet remember that "the Lord gave," and that "the Lord hath taken away," and therefore say, "blessed be the name of the Lord."

2nd, That the Diocese has been deprived of a wise and faithful Bishop, an "able minister of the New Testament," and a christian gentleman of the highest type.

3d, That it is cause for thankfulness to God, that He blessed this Diocese for so long through the example and influence of so holy a man and Bishop.

4th, That we tender our deep sympathy to his family, in their great affliction.

5th, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his widow, and, also, to the OLD COMMONWEALTH and the "Rockingham Register," Harrisonburg, for publication.

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Robeson's lines are becoming more circumscribed day by day. The naval committees have gone over a prodigious amount of testimony, embracing criminality in every branch of the service. When Whitthorne gets ready to report, the country will be more surprised than it was in Belknap's case. The revelations will not be confined to one or two or three dozen or a hundred briberies or robberies. From Robeson's own reports a statement so damning will be prepared that not a single protest can be made by his party friends. It may require a fortnight to finish the showing, but if the report were made to-day, Robeson could not escape impeachment and popular execration. This assertion is made on the strength of members of the committee who have heard and examined the evidence of Robeson's criminality. The most significant point, however, is that Danford, a bigoted Republican, who has heretofore scouted the inquiry of the committee, came from the committee room this evening, and said to a fellow Republican: "I am sick and discouraged. Nothing can save Robeson. The evidence is overwhelming against him." This evidence, it must be borne in mind, is not that taken before the Real Estate Pool Committee, which everybody holds to be abundant to drive this shameless robber from the place he disgraces.

The news that Babcock is on the point of being fully implicated in the villainous plot of the Washington safe-burgulary for the ruin of a respectable citizen, throws a lurid light on the story of Bell. Ex-Attorney-General Williams, too, naturally appears in this damning connection, and the revelations yesterday begun bid fair, or foul, as the reader pleases, to end only with the complete political and personal ruin not only of these two long notorious allies of the Washington ring, but of higher personages still.—*N. Y. World.*

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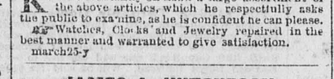

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SOUTH BOUND.	MAIL.	EXPRESS.
Leave Baltimore.....	5.10 a. m.	10.20 p. m.
" Washington....	8.00 a. m.	11.38 p. m.
" Alexandria....	8.35 "	12.30 a. m.
" Gordonsville...	1.10 p. m.	4.53 a. m.
" Charlottesville..	2.10 "	5.51 "
Arrive at Lynchburg,	5.30 "	9.15 "
Arrive at Danville....	0.00 "	12.55 p. m.

NORTH BOUND.	MAIL.	EXPRESS.
Leave Danville Daily	0.00 a. m.	3.00 p m,
" Lynchburg	9.40 "	8.30 p. m.
" Charlottesville	1.10 p. m.	12.02 a. m.
" Gordonsville...	2.25 "	1.18 "
Arrive at Alexandria .	6.50 "	5.50 "
" Washington...	7.30 "	6.30 "
" Baltimore.....	9.50 "	8.40 "

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Leave Staunton.....	4.20 p. m.....	4.15 a. m
Arrive Goshen.....	6.15 " "	5.48 " "
" Milboro	6.40 " "	6.09 " "
" Covington.....	8.55 " "	7.35 " "
" Alleghany.....	9.58 " "	8.30 " "
" White Sulphur.....	10.20 " "	8.42 " "
" Rouceverte.....	11.05 " "	9.07 " "
" Hinton	1.18 a. m.....	10.30 " "
" Kanawha Falls.....	5.25 " "	1.15 p. "
" Charleston.....	7.08 " "	2.32 " "
" Huntington.....	9.40 " "	4.55 " "
" Cincinnati.....		6.00 a "

EASTWARD.

Leave Staunton at.....	10:45 A. M....	10:20 P. M.
Arrive at Charlottesville.....	12:45 P. M....	12:07 A. "
" Lynchburg	3.30 " "	9:15 " "
" Gordonsville.....	2:05 " "	1:13 " "
" Washington.....	7:40 " "	7.40 " "
" Richmond.....	5:40 " "	4:45 " "

Train leaving Staunton at 4:20 p. m., and 10:45 a. m. runs daily (except Sunday) stopping at all regular stations.

Trains leaving Staunton at 4:15 a. m., and 10:20 p. m., run daily, stopping at all regular stations between Huntington and Alleghany, and at Covington Millboro' Goshen, Waynesboro,' Greenwood, Mechunna River, Ivy, Charlottesville, Gordonsville Junction and Richmond.

Sleeping cars run between Richmond and Covington on 4.15 a. m. and 10.20 p. m. trains.

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Mail from Richmond, daily, (ex-Sun).....4 15 P. M.
" " Huntington " " .....10.35 A. "
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" " Huntington. " " .....10.15 P. M.

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